

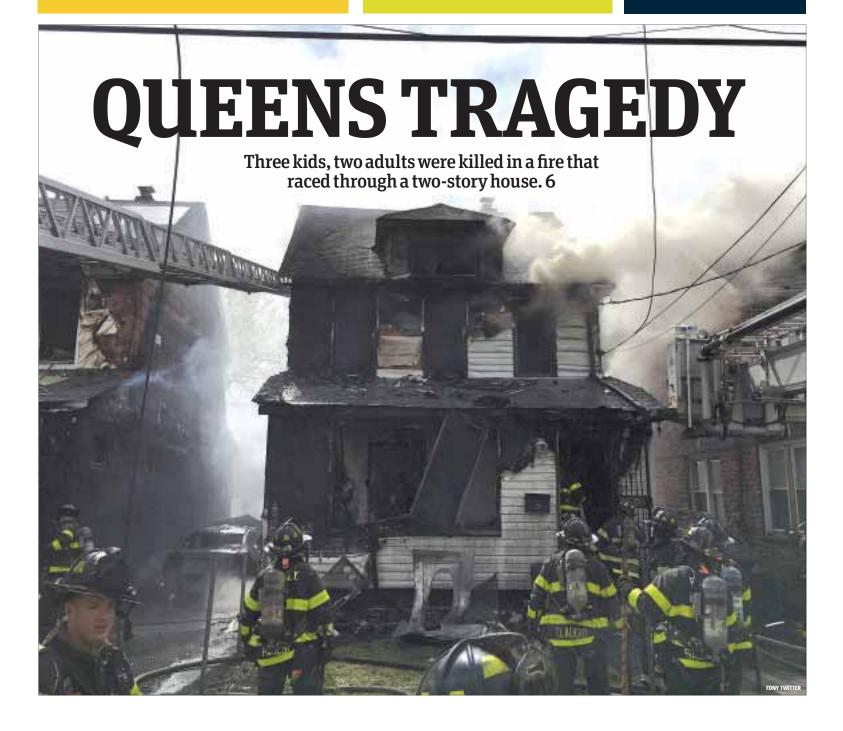
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### TRUMP TO SIGN ENERGY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

President Donald Trump will sign several executive orders on energy on Friday, a White House official said on Sunday. This builds on previous executive actions that have cleared the way for job-creating pipelines, innovations in energy production, and reduced unnecessary burden on energy producers," the official said on condition of anonymity. Trump in March signed an executive order to undo Obama-era climate



change regulations, keeping a campaign promise to support the coal industry and

calling into question U.S. support for the 2015 Paris climate change accord to fight global warming. That order's main target is former President Barack Obama's Clean Power Plan, which required states to slash carbon emissions from power plants. REUTERS

### NORTH KOREA SAYS IT'S READY TO STRIKE US SHIP

North Korea said it was ready to sink a U.S. aircraft carrier to demonstrate its military might, as two Japanese navy ships joined a U.S. carrier group for exercises in the western Pacific. President Donald Trump ordered the USS Carl Vinson carrier strike group to sail to waters off the Korean peninsula in response to rising tension over the North's nuclear and missile tests, and

its threats to attack the United States and its Asian allies. Vice President Mike Pence said on Saturday it would arrive "within days" but gave no other details. North Korea remained defiant. "Our revolutionary forces are combat-ready to sink a U.S. nuclear-powered aircraft carrier with a single strike," the Rodong Sinmun, the newspaper of the North's ruling Workers' Party, said in a commentary. REUTENS

### TV JOURNALIST CLAIMS AILES HARASSED HER

Television journalist Alisyn Camerota said on Sunday she was a target of sexual harassment by Roger Ailes when she worked at Fox News, joining other former colleagues at the cable channel who have accused their ex-boss of inappropriate behavior. Camerota, now co-host of CNN's "New Day," told that network's Brian Stelter in an interview that Ailes suggested they might have to get to "know



each other better" at a hotel if she wanted to succeed at Fox News, REUTERS



### AIRLINES APOLOGIZES FOR CLASH OVER STROLLER

American Airlines apologized to a passenger and suspended an employee after a video showing an onboard clash over a baby stroller went viral, in the latest embarrassment for a U.S. carrier over how it treated a customer. The clip, posted on Facebook on Friday by a bystander aboard the flight, shows a woman in tears with a young child in her arms, and a man emerging from his seat to confront a male flight

attendant who apparently wrested the stroller from the woman. Facebook user Surain Adyanthaya, who posted the video, wrote that the flight attendant had forcefully taken the stroller, hitting the woman with it and just missing her child. That sequence of events did not appear on the clip. What it shows is the unidentified man standing up and yelling at the flight attendant: "You do that to me and I'll knock you flat." REUTERS

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Bob Hanvy (center) with comedian Dane Cook in Iraq



Bob Hanvy in Irag with local children



Bob Hanvy with troops after capturing an enemy mortar vehicle in Iraq.



Bob Hanvy installs solar panels for insurance corporation Swissre. ALL IMAGES COURTESY BOB HANVY

# Returning veterans marching into the solar power industry

17,000 veterans are powering the solar energy revolution.



Ranger training prepares a soldier for combat, and possibly a role in a zombie thriller like "Range 15," but definitely not a civilian career. That's what Bob Hanvy discovered after 23 years as an infantryman who returned from four tours of duty in Afghanistan and Iraq and found himself with three grown children and no profession.

But Hanvy was quick to discover a perfect place for himself in the workforce: the solar industry one of the fastestgrowing job sectors in the country. American vets are now marching out of service and into training programs to be-come solar photovoltaic system installers, supervisors and salespeople in a cutting-edge field instead of in shipyards and coal

In fact, one in 10 workers in the solar industry, which has grown 178 percent since 2010, are vets.

Since 2014, the Solar Foundation's Solar Ready Vets program, adminis-tered by the Department of Energy and Depart-ment of Defense, has expanded into a nationwide operation. The six-week class scoops up vets just as they are exiting the service, and takes place at participating military bases and community colleges in 10 states.

The program and its partners steer graduating vets into their new roles at solar companies large and small. Other resources have sprung from the pheconstructions of solar fields and farms in New York and beyond.

"It feels like you're doing a service," he said, adding that a military mentality is ideal for the teamwork required of a

"It feels like you're doing a service."

nomenon too, such as the solar job census (solarstates.org) the Solar Careers Portal (solartrainingusa.org) which is an extensive network for job searchers.

Hanvy, 46, graduated from the Solar Ready Vets program at Fort Drum, earlier this year and is already hurdling through crew for dangerous and technical tasks.

"I can see people's eyes light up when I say here's an opportunity to continue your mission for your country," said Tenley Dalstrom, Solar Ready Vets program director.

There are private companies recruiting vets too, such as Strata

"Vets have the trans-ferable skill sets that enhance the capabilities of a company like ours to execute on various levels," Strata Solar recruiter Greg Mora told Metro. "They have the organization, discipline and the ability to work under virtually any type

Attitudes about energy formed from experiences while deployed overseas also contribute to veterans' motivation to work in the solar industry.

Dmitriy Chuma, 32, a former Marine from the Bronx, told Metro that what he witnessed while developing infrastructure in Iraq made him realize that clean en-

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ergy needs to be adopted around the world.

"We burned diesel fuel every day," he said. "I saw the waste and the mess it was making and how a country was being set up to pollute. You think it doesn't matter and then it hits you the world is one environ-

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# Five die in fast-moving Queens blaze

Three children are among the dead.



Five people, including children, three were Sunday noon when a fire roared through a two-story house fire in Queens.

A two-story house on 208th Street near 112th Avenue in Queens Village went up in flames around 2:10 p.m., officials said.

A passing motorist called the FDNY after motorist witnessing flames rising from the first floor of the house, fire officials said. The driver also saw a man tumble out of a second-floor window onto the front lawn.

The man, 46, is in stable condition and apparently is the only known survivor of the fire. The identities of the five who died in the fire were un-



The house on 208th Street was engulfed in flame when firefighters arrived. FDNY/TWITTER

available.

Firefighters got to the scene in about four minutes but the aging, wooden-frame house was already engulfed in flames, said Fire Commissioner Daniel Nigro, who estimated the structure to be nearly a century old.

Firefighters accomished the "superhuplished the

man task to reach that attic and bring people the commissioner said. Two firefighters suffered what appeared to be minor injuries, he

said.

The youngest victim was 2 years old, Nigro said. The other children were said to be 9

The FDNY continued to battle the flames two hours after the initial 911 call. The fire badly damaged an adjacent home but nobody was inside at the time.

"This is a devasta-tion of a family," Mayor Bill de Blasio said at the scene of the fire.

"There's a lot we need to know about what happened here," he added.

The mayor called the fire the worst since seven children from an ultra-orthodox Jewish family died in a Brook-Jewish lyn fire in March 2015.

"Our job is to get down to the bottom of it to make sure no family ever suffers like this again" he said.

De Blasio noted that the tragic fire occurred while the FDNY was still reeling from the death of firefighter William Tolley, who fell five stories to his death on Thursday while responding to a residential building fire in Queens.



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### March for **Science NYC** unites scientists with activists

Marchers protested science-related budget cuts proposed by the Trump administration.



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Science met activism on Saturday as thousands of people took part in March for Science NYC, a celebration of science, scientists and the importance of both as they face more deniers, restrictions and budget cuts than ever before.

The New York event was one of more than 600 offshoots of the central event taking place in Washington in conjunction with Earth Day

Formerly known as the Scientists' March on Washington, March for Science is a nonpartisan group that is rising up against proposed budget cuts under President Donald Trump and his plan to undo President Barack Obama's plan to reduce global warming.

"In the face of an alarming trend toward discrediting scientific consensus and restrict-ing scientific discovery, we might ask instead: Can we afford not to speak out in its de-fense?" the march's website said.

That is what drew Erin Chapman to March for Science NYC, to show Trump that "people care about science. It is in every aspect of our lives,' the New Yorker told Metro. She works for an institution that counts scientists among its employees, and they, like so many others in the field, "depend on grants, and their work is really important."

Marcher Eric Guy, who carried a sign that read, "In a world of 'alternative facts,' the biggest liar is king," said he believes rallies such as March for Science do send a signal to President Trump.

Whether or not advocates and constituents alike can influence a change of thought among Republicans, climate change deniers, Trump, who has called it a hoax "created by the Chinese," and others, remains to be seen.

### **Brooklyn fighter victorious** in second professional bout



Brooklyn's Richardson Hitchins, profiled Friday in Metro New York, won the second fight of his professional career Saturday at the Barclays Center. Read the profile at metro.us. LUC KORDAS

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That particular tweet was a bit confusing. On the campaign trail and for most of his time in office, Trump was constantly bragging about how much he would get done in those first three-plus months. But with the deadline dropping on Saturday and the tallies coming in uncomfortably short, the president has had a sudden change of

"No matter how much I accomplish during the ridiculous standard of the first 100 days, & it has been a lot (including S.C.), media will kill!" his tweet reads in full.

But forget the media

for a moment. What do the facts say?

They say that, of all his many big campaign promises, Trump can reasonably take credit for achieving exactly one: Neil Gorsuch is now safely on the U.S. Supreme Court and already ushering death-row inmates to the Arkansas lethal-injection chamber. You might or might not like that sort of thing. But thanks to a last-minute rule change, it's undeniably a victory for Trump.

Beyond that? Well, there's not so much to

His signature immigration ban is blocked by a federal judge "sitting on an island in the Pacific.' His vow to "repeal and replace" Obamacare was run off the road in Congress. His promise of a border wall that Mexico will pay for has gone precisely nowhere. His hard line on "currency manipulator" China has visibly softened. His vow to stay out of foreign entanglements has been contradicted by missiles in Syria, the mother of all bombs in Afghanistan and talk of nuclear exchanges with North Korea.

Oh, and the FBI and Congress are investigating how the Russians helped him win.

On Saturday, instead of getting roasted at the White House Correspondents Dinner, the president has called a 100-day rally of the stubbornly faithful in Pennsylvania. Wouldn't it be interesting if, this time, they answered his calls from the podium truthfully?

"Who's gonna pay for the wall?"

"Um, I guess we are. Or maybe no one."



President Donald Trump tweeted that he accomplished "a lot" in his first 100 days. GETTY IMAGES



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# Why Aren't Doctors Telling About These Two Often

### Two Advanced Medical Treatments Every Knee Arthritis Sufferer

By NY Pain MD

NY Pain MD is a medical clinic with locations in Midtown NYC and Uptown NYC that has treated thousands of knee arthritis and joint pain patients.

Here is what every knee arthritis sufferer should know about the best treatments and options available today. Including when and why you should consider each of these 2 treatment approaches to get maximum results.

If you suffer with knee or other join arthritis pain, you have probably already tried many treatments ... especially countless pain medications. Experienced doctors understand that, even though pain medications such as anti-inflammatory pain pills are part of the recommended early treatment plan for knee arthritis pain... they are rarely the answer over the longer term.

In most cases they have minimal results (if any) and have a laundry list of potential side effects. Some being serious and even life threatening.

### **Are There Any Better Options?**

Thankfully, advancements in science and technology come extremely fast. And now there are two very good options for knee arthritis to help relieve the pain.

Two options that a lot of knee arthritis sufferers have never heard of.

Before we get into the two treatments, please understand this...

NY Pain MD is a well established medical clinic that has treated thousands of knee arthritis sufferers and joint and back pain sufferers. Patients travel from all over the area and even several states away from NYC to be treated at one of their clinics because they want the best medical treatments available. What you are about to discover are two REAL medical treatments. Not miracle cures you see on infomercials or non-medical treatments promoted on the internet.

Know this fact: There is no cure for arthritis. But there are these two treatments that have already helped thousands of knee arthritis sufferers - possibly just like you.

The first treatment is more common than the second. Even if you have heard of this treatment - or even tried it without good results - please read this. You will find out why it may not have worked for you and how you may be able to get much better results.

### #1 Viscosupplementation

Viscosupplementation has gained quite a bit of popularity in recent years and it has gotten mixed results for a couple of reasons.

But before we get into that, here's what you need to know about viscosupplementation.

When you have arthritis, you suffer a decrease in the lubrication fluids in your

In other words, your knee joints basically "dries up."

The lubricating fluid that decreases is called "synovial fluid." pharmaceutical companies (with the help of doctors) can now make *natural* synovial fluid gellike compounds that, during viscosupplementation treatments. Doctors can precisely introduce directly into the knee and other joints.

This helps replace the lubricating fluid to the knee joint - allowing it to move more freely and smoothly and often decreasing or even eliminating the pain.

### What Results Can Be Expected?

Like all medical treatments, the results vary and can not be predicted. But many knee arthritis sufferers get dramatic results. It is not uncommon for patients to either postpone knee replacement surgery for years... or even permanently cancel it.

### But There Is A BIG Problem

The key is the treatment must be EXTREMELY PRECISE. If the procedure is slightly off, the medication will not get into the knee joint and the treatment will not work. That's why the experts at *NY Pain MD* use Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology so they can actually see the lubricant going directly into the knee joint during the treatment.

Research shows that doctors performing joint injections without this technology can miss the joint as much as 30% of the time.

If you have tried viscosupplementation without this imaging technology without good results - this may be why.

That's why *NY Pain MD* takes it even one step further. They do not just use one step process of advanced imaging during treatment - they use two in their "double confirmation" process. This is to ensure patients get the best possible results.

### Another Important Factor

Viscosupplementation medications also come in several different "brands" and chemical make-ups. Just like all medications, some people respond better to one than another. So, the experts at *NY Pain MD* use several and great effort is taken to figure out what is the best one for YOU.

One last thing: The experts at *NY Pain MD* have found that earlier you start Viscosupplementation the better.

This is most likely because the longer you wait - the more joint destruction takes place.

That's why *NY Pain MD* is now seeing so many patients as young as 35 to 40.

**Summary:** If you have knee arthritis pain and have not tried. Viscosupplementation you should look into it as soon as possible.

If you have tried it without good results. you may still be able to get great results with the proper imaging and specific medication

### What Should You Do If Viscosupplementation Fails?

When conservative treatment, including viscosupplementation fails ... most knee arthritis sufferers believe their only option is total knee replacement surgery.

### This is not true...and here is why

There is another treatment for serious knee arthritis pain most people (and even doctors) do not know about.

### **#2: Radiofrequency Treatment**

This treatment is technically called, "Radiofrequency Neurotomy." Or RF for short.

RF is a procedure that is based the theory that blocking the nerve supply to the painful area may alleviate pain and restore function.

# **Knee Arthritis Sufferers Successful Treatments?**

### Needs To Know - Before Or After Knee Replacement Surgery

Several branches of nerves that surround the knee are known as "genicular nerves."

Radiofrequency waves are delivered to the genicular nerves under advanced imaging to "block" the nerve from transmitting pain signals.

There are two distinct parts to this treatment. First, a test, diagnostic "G Block" procedure is done to determine if the procedure is going to decrease pain and improve function.

If this first "test" procedure is successful, then one to two weeks later, Radio Frequency waves are applied for term relief.

### Is It Safe?

Research has shown this to provided significant relief for some patients. to procedure to be safe and effective.

One study published November 4, 2010 in the journal Pain found that RF treated subjects on average "achieved at least 50% knee pain relief at 1,4 and 12 weeks, respectively. No patient reported a post procedure adverse event during the follow-up period.

Some studies indiciate some patients may get years of relief in some cases. "RF neurotomy (radio frequency treatment) of genicular nerves leads to significant pain reduction and functional improvement in a subset of elderly chronic knee osteoarthritis pain, and thus may be an effective treatment in such cases."

It should also be mentioned that, like all procedures, results will vary patient to patient

### Who Should Try This Treatment?

RF should be considered after other treatments, such as anti-inflammatory pain medication and viscosupplementation do not offer good enough results.

RF can be utilized before resorting to total knee replacement. RF allows many patients to avoid knee replacement surgery.

RF has also been found effective AFTER knee replacement surgery when the patient still feels pain.

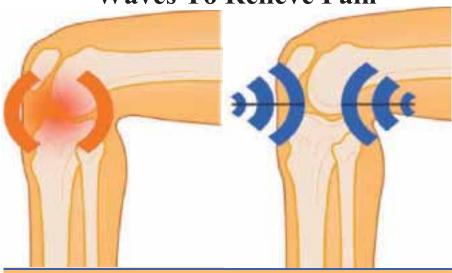
The pain after a failed knee replacement surgery can be debilitating and this procedure can be the only thing that helps and give you relief.

### What To Do Next If You Are In Pain

Here is the "X" factor many do not consider that might be the difference between you getting the best possible treatment or not.

Many experts suggest choosing a medical clinic that offers all these treatments and has the proper, most advanced technology all under one roof.

# Advanced Treatment Uses Medical Radio Frequencies Waves To Relieve Pain



Science rescues knee arthritis sufferers?: Radio Frequency Waves are used to block the nerve supply to the painful area and may alleviate pain and restore function to many. Many patients still in pain after a knee replacement may respond very well to these treatments allowing the possibility of avoiding additional surgery.

This way, the doctors working on your case can give you a proper examination and advise the best possible treatment plan for your individual case.

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**NY Pain MD** believes this "X" factor is one of the reasons so many knee arthritis sufferers travel from all over to be treated at their advanced medical clinics.

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### Germany approving far fewer Afghan asylum-seekers

News of the drop comes after a report that thousands of former Taliban fighters may have entered Germany over the past two years among an influx of more than a million migrants and refugees, prompting investigations by federal prosecutors.

Germany approved just under 48 percent of asylum applications from Afghan migrants in the first two months of 2017, down from close to 78 percent in 2015, the Passauer Neue Presse German newspaper reported on Sunday.

The newspaper, citing a response from the German interior ministry to a parliamentary query by the Left party, said the government rejected 14,403 of the 27,639 asylum applications considered in January and February.

It said the approval rate had dropped to just over 60 percent in 2016



Ulla Jelpke GETTY IMAGES

and fallen further this year. The rate is lower than the 55 percent identified by German Chancellor Angela Merkel this month.

Ulla Jelpke, a Left party lawmaker, criticized the government's tougher stance on asylum approvals for Afghan migrants at a time when the security situation was worsening.

"It's a result of political orders to increase deportations and send a warning signal," she told the newspaper.

Merkel's government, under fire for allowing in large numbers of migrants, especially after several militant attacks linked to migrants last year, has been actively deporting groups of rejected Afghan asylumseekers.

Merkel, seeking fourth term in a Sept. 24 election, this month defended increased deportations of rejected Afghan asylum-seekers, saying all other European Union countries were doing the same.

At the time, she said about 55 percent of Afghans were granted refugee status in Germany.

A fifth planeload of Afghans is due to be deported back to Afghanistan on Monday, the newspaper said.

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**14 NEWS** 

METRO.US MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017

### Trump condemns anti-Semitism on Israel's Holocaust Remembrance Day

President Donald Trump said anti-Semitism should be defeated and called the Holocaust the "darkest chapter of hu-man history" in a video address on Sunday, following two missteps by his administration regarding statements about genocide during World War II.

"The mind cannot fathom the pain, the horror and the loss. Six million Jews, two-thirds of the Jews in Europe, murdered by the Nazi genocide. They were murdered by an evil that words cannot describe, and that the human heart cannot bear," Trump said in a speech to the World Jewish Congress Plenary Assembly in New York on Yom HaShoah,

Israel's Holocaust Remembrance Day.

"On Yom HaŠhoah, we look back at the darkest chapter of human history," Trump added. "We mourn, we remember, we pray, and we pledge: 'Never again.'"

In January, on international Holocaust Remembrance Day, a Trump administration statement failed to mention Jews, the overwhelming majority of those who were killed in concentration camps under Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler.

Earlier this month, White House spokesman Sean Spicer triggered an uproar when he said Hitler did not sink to the level of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad by using chemical



Holocaust Remembrance Day event (Yom Ha'Shoah) at the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust in Los

weapons.

Spicer later apologized after his comments aroused criticism on social media and elsewhere for overlooking the fact that millions of Jews were killed in Nazi gas chambers.

Trump's four-minute message included somber references to Jewish suffering in the Holocaust, a commitment to support Israel and a rebuke of prejudice and anti-Semitism.

"We must stamp out prejudice and anti-. Semitism everywhere it is found. We must defeat terrorism, and we must not ignore the threats of a regime that talks openly of Israel's destruction," Trump said in an apparent reference to Iran. REUTERS



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**16 NEWS** MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017

# **Trump pressures Democrats on** Obamacare to get border wall deal

Democrats showed no sign of softening their opposition to wall funding on Sunday and sought to place responsibility for any shutdown squarely on Trump and Republicans who control the House of Representatives and the Senate.

President Donald Trump put pressure on Democrats on Sunday as U.S. lawmakers worked to avoid a government shutdown, saying Obamacare would die without a cash infusion the White House has offered in exchange for their agreement to fund his border wall.

The escalated push to Trump's priorities, which Democrats reject, into spending legislation could jeopardize prospects for an agreement to keep the government open.

If talks fail, the government would shut down on Saturday, Trump's 100th day in office.

"Obamacare is in serious trouble. The Dems need big money to keep it going - otherwise it dies far sooner than anyone would have thought," the Republican president said in a Twitter post.

In a second tweet, he added: "The Democrats don't want money from budget going to border wall despite the fact that it will stop drugs and very bad MS 13 gang mem-

MS-13 is a criminal gang with members of Central American origin.

The president's tweets appeared after White House budget director Mick Mulvaney accused "holding Democrats of



hostage national security' by opposing \$1.5 billion to help build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, one of Trump's top campaign pledges.

Democrats have said they would not support legislation that ends federal subsidies to help lowincome people buy health insurance under the Affordable Care Act, popularly known as Obamacare.

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well" and that he was hopeful a deal could be reached. "The only fly in the

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ointment is that the president is being a little heavy handed, and mixing in and asking for things such as the wall," Schumer told reporters.

"We'd ask him to let us do our work, not throw in some last-minute poison pills that could undo it, and we could get this done," he said.

Trump wants money for the wall included in spending legislation that Congress must pass by Friday to keep the federal government operating through Sept. 30, when the 2017 fiscal year expires.

Mulvaney and White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus played down the danger of a shutdown. Mulvaney said talks be"The only fly in the ointment is that the president is being a little heavy handed. and mixing in and asking for things such as the wall."

tween Republicans and Democrats could produce an agreement as early as Sunday.

"I'm pretty confident we're going to get something that's satisfactory to the president in regard to border security within the current negotiations, Priebus said on NBC's "Meet the Press." REUTERS



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# At least 30 killed in drug violence across Mexico

At least 30 people were killed over the weekend in Mexico, according to local officials, amid a widespread surge in drug gang violence that has driven murders to a level not seen since 2011.

In Sinaloa state, 10 people were killed in different incidents during the early hours of Sunday, according to local officials.

Battles between gangs have increased in the area following the arrest last year of Sinaloa cartel boss Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, who was extradited in January to the United States.

Nine people were killed in what prosecutors said on Sunday was a gun battle between rival drug gangs in the mountains of Mexico's west coast state of Michoacan.

The shootout took place Saturday in an isolated village of the municipality of Churumuco,



Violence in Mexico has risen to its worst since 2011. In March, there were 2020 recorded murders, the highest for any month since June 2011, according to government data. GETTY IMAGES

which borders on Guerrero state, where eight bodies were found on the main street and another in the nearby sierra, the state prosecutor's office said in a statement.

In January 2014, the federal government effectively took over control of Michoacan for more than a year in a bid to curb violence between drug gangs and community militias that had risen up to fight extortion and kidnappings.

The region, especially Guerrero state, is the site of the worst violence in Mexico as gangs battle over fields of opium poppies, which are used to make heroin. A surge in U.S. demand for heroin has fed the violence.

Five bodies were found in different sites around Guerrero on Sunday while another six bodies were found in Veracruz state on the Gulf of Mexico, according to local officials. REUTENS



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# Sweet home Chicago: Obama re-emerges where it all began

Former President Barack Obama on Monday makes his first major appearance since leaving office, having chosen Chicago, the city where his political career started, to emerge from a threemonth hiatus from the public eye.

Obama will meet youth leaders and promote community organizing near the same South Side neighborhoods where his own activism blossomed and propelled him to two terms in the White House that ended with Donald Trump's inauguration on Jan. 20.

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who served as Obama's first White House chief of staff, said that he was proud that Obama picked Chicago to make his last speech as president and the first in his postpresidency.

Î think it reflects his emotional, as well as his



Barack and Michelle Ohama

intellectual, commitment to this city and seeing this city as his home," he said.

Obama's continued connection to Chicago is important to the city, which has global aspirations as well as a palpable insecurity about its place in the world.

During the last year of Obama's second term, Chicago laid claim to its share of his legacy by beating out Hawaii and New York as the site of his presidential library.

Ôbama, who still

"He's going to be more visible moving forward ... I think this is clearly a coming-out."

owns a home in Chicago, was raised in Hawaii. The former president and his wife Michelle are expected to move from Washington to New York once their younger daughter, Sasha, graduates from high school.

David Axelrod, a former top political adviser to Obama, said the decision to house the library in Chicago should have eased any concerns that its residents may have had about the former Democratic president's

commitment to the city.

But Monday's event, he said, is another important sign of the former president's strong links to Chicago.

The Rev. Michael Pfleger, a social justice activist who heads a large South Side Roman Catholic church, said a prominent Obama presence could help the nation's third-largest city confront some of the thorny problems it faces.

Chief among them is a spike in gun violence, an issue that Trump has highlighted as a sign of lawlessness and the failure of the Democratic politicians who have long run Chicago.

"It's his life, and he's not in elected office right now, so he can do what he wants," Pfleger said. "But I'd love to see him engage in his home of Chicago. He could make a huge difference." REUTERS

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### Cassini spacecraft to take slingshot dive inside Saturn's rings

NASA's Cassini spacecraft soared past Saturn's biggest moon for the last time on Saturday, tapping its gravity to slingshot into a series of exploratory dives inside the planet's rings, followed by a final fatal plunge into the gas giant.

After nearly 20 years of traveling in space, Cassini used the gravitational tug of Titan, a moon resembling primordial Earth, to hurl itself into a new orbit that will pass through an unexplored region between Saturn's cloud tops and its rings.

The spacecraft is expected to make the first of 22 dives between the planet and its rings on Wednesday. During the last dive on Sept. 15, Cassini is slated to destroy itself by flying directly



This illustration of the Cassini spacecraft shows it about to make one of its dives between Saturn and its innermost rings as part of the mission's grand finale. NASA/JPL-CALTECH

into Saturn's crushing atmosphere.

Cassini's final run was set into motion early on Saturday by its 127th and final pass by Titan, the NASA said.

At its closest approach, NASA projections had Cassini flying 608 miles above Titan, zipping by at a relative speed of 13,000 mph.

Titan's gravity will bend Cassini's orbit around Saturn, shrinking it slightly, so that instead of passing just outside the rings, the spacecraft will begin its finale dives which pass just inside the rings," NASA said in a statement on Wednesday.

During the dives, Cassini will measure how much ice and other materials are in the rings and determine their chemical composition. That information will help scientists learn how the rings formed. REUTERS



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### Katy Perry still loves cultural appropriation

It's nice that we can rely on Katy Perry to deliver some cute and casual appropriation from time to time.

Over the weekend, the 32-year-old - who has repeatedly come under fire for her various forays into appropriation - posted a picture of herself with a new hairstyle. "Katy Kardashian," she wrote, surely proud of how clever she was. Sites like Just Jared are referring to the hairstyle as "boxer braids," which is incorrect. Those are two oversized cornrows, a style commonly worn by black women, that

are apparently now in vogue among celebrities like Perry and Kim Kardashian.

On the one hand, it's - maybe Katy Perry,

like the many fore her who borrow from black culture in a way to seem cooler should be able to rock these so-called boxer braids. On the other hand, black women are discouraged from wearing their hair in natural styles such as this one, especially in the workplace where it can often be seen as "unprofessional."

I suppose there isn't a thing that doesn't inspire Perry. She's an equal opportunist borrower.



Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon have been spotted having dinner twice in the last week. And the reason for their frequent reunions just may shock you.

When asked by TMZ why he'd been seeing Carey so frequently lately, Cannon told the paparazzi, You realize this is my family, right?" Can you believe it?!

According to Us Weekly, Carey, 47 and Cannon,

36, headed to Mr

their twins late last week, and enjoyed a private dinner without their children at Nobu Malibu the next day.

The two have been haunted by dating rumors ever since Carey broke it off with her possibly fake boyfriend, Bryan Ťanaka. Tȟe 34-year-old and the pop diva split after five months, which is remarkably long for a

rebound relationship, if you think about it. The possibly fake stories

surrounding the breakup said that Tanaka's jealousy over Carey and Cannon's relationship were to blame.

To be fair, these are two grown adults who really love attention: When a TMZ reporter asked Cannon whether or not the two were now "official," Can-non said, "We've always been official." Meanwhile, Carey is in the background basking in the glow of the numerous camera flashes and jokingly threatening to steal a paparazzo's car. So this is just pretty standard behavior from

I don't know. I kind of feel like these two deserve each other, no?

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Remember when Cory Booker very earnestly, very thirstily asked Mindy Kaling out on a date over Twitter? That was a month ago. Now, despite what we all witnessed with our own eyes, Booker is now playing this off like there was nothing romantic about his intentions. "Well first of all, don't read too into it about 'asking out,' Booker told Vanity Fair. "I want to sort of take the



to Newark yet

romantic aspect out of it and talk more about how she's amazing. ... We'll

see what happens in the

What I am inferring from this statement is that Kaling is too busy and/or not actually interested in Booker and he has made it his life goal to get her over to New Jersey so he can show her that he just really, really cares about her. And he'll never give up.

Kaling — make sure you put him down easy,



### Chris Pratt appears to be confused

Sure, Chris Pratt charmed the pants off of us in "Parks & Recreation," but now he's just a big star that says not great things sometimes.

In an interview with Men's Fitness, the 37-year-old complained that stories like his just aren't being told."I don't see personal stories that necessarily resonate with me, because they're not my stories," he told the magazine. "The voice of the average, blue-collar American isn't necessarily represented in Hollywood." Ex-squeeze me?

After Marie Claire pointed out that Pratt's comments were less than ideal, he responded via Twitter. "That was actually a pretty stupid thing to say. Î'll own that.'

Let's cheers to his improbable progression to being woke.

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## Talking hops with Meg Gill of 'Beerland'

The founder of Golden Road Brewing makes her on-screen debut as host of Viceland's new brewcentric show.



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In the opening scene of 'Beerland," host Meg Gill finds herself in a bar in Sante Fe, New Mexico. The all-wooden saloon was hand-built by a guy named Cale, who's a homebrewer by night and certified cowboy by

day.
"I don't think I've been in a cooler bar," she tells the camera. "I'm excited to see what goes on here during the daylight and hopefully get a little cowboy in me as well." After a beat, likely in response to a face one of tĥe crewmen makes, she realizes her gaffe. "Stop, f— you guys!" she yells.

It's an apt introduction to Gill and to Viceland's new documentary series. At 32, the founder of L.A.'s Golden Road Brewing is the youngest female brewery owner, according to Forbes. She's also a Yale grad and former Olympic-bound swimmer. Point is, she's serious business, but she speaks in an almost stoner Cali drawl (maybe the hops from all those IPAs?)



Golden Road Brewing founder Meg Gill hosts "Beerland," airing Thurs., April 27 on Viceland. ALL PHOTOS PROVIDED

that makes her instantly disarming. From what we've seen of "Beerland" so far - a lot of drinking and talking hops - with amateur homebrewers — Gill has the perfect temperament for it.

In the hybrid travel and competition show, Gill travels to six cities around the country, meeting local homebrewers, tasting their recipes and ultimately selecting a winner, who will have his or her beer bottled and distributed by Golden Road Brewing. "I knew Vice wanted

to do an authentic show and would let it be more about the homebrewers and the experience of drinking beer and the community, and less about me," Gill, who also serves as a producer on the show, says on a call from L.A. "I'm able to be on camera but then be more like a journalist in a lot of ways.

In each city she visits, from Sante Fe to Brooklyn, the beer infuses something about the local culture, she says.

For example, "in New Mexico, the Neomexicana hops were so different from any hops out there that I've ever tried," she says. "The aroma was so different from the flavor. Those hops grow in the wild in New Mexico — you can't buy them like that."

In New York, the "think differently attitude" of the city, as Gill puts it, expresses itself in the recipe of a Brook-

lyn-based anarchist and homebrewer she's christened "Dailey, the log brewer."

"Dailey's brewing with wild yeast - not that you buy, but that you find outdoors," she says. "He had taken a log out of a park in Brooklyn and had a hunch there'd be yeast in it, and put it in his beer." (I was too skeeved out to ask if it tasted any good.)

Beer has been a love for Gill since she was little. "When I was a toddler I would go down to the basement and grab my mom a beer while she was cooking dinner and she would give

me the first sip as my re-ward," she tells me.

Right after college, Gill headed out to Boulder, Colorado, to train for the Olympic trials in swim-

ming. She supported herself working a sales job at a microbrewery called Oskar Blues, but when an accident derailed her training, beer replaced swimming as her main calling. "I saw that this funky, young, very exciting craft brewery in a one-stop-sign town in Colorado could have a big impact on community," she remembers. Four years later, in 2011, she founded her own brewing company in L.A.

Šhe describes Golden Road Brewing as "an ambitious, young, sunshine brand that barks at that creative love for the sun that Southern California has through beer." The beers are flavorful but sessionable - the kind of brews that taste strong, but won't knock you out if you have more than one. Her go-to beer? "A fresh, fruit-forward pale ale," she says.

As far as what get out of watching "Beer-land,"

G i 1 1 hopes show w i 1 1 m a k e viewers inspired to learn and imbibe more.

"The people who have seen it so far, the one takeaway is 'Wow, I want to go drink beer. I want to taste beer and I want to learn about beer," she says. pretty cool that it makes people excited about beer, and that's kinda what we're going for."



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Former "Charlie's Angel" Cheryl Ladd talks "Unforgettable" and cherishing her age.



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Cheryl Ladd is happy she's in her 60s.

When the "People vs. O.J. Simpson" actress first hit the big time, it was for playing Kris Munroe "Čharlie's Angels." she had Controversially, replaced Farah Fawcett, and she was thought of mainly for her looks. Cut to four decades later and she's getting more interesting roles — like Katherine Heigl's manipulative, domineering mother in the new thriller "Unforgettable.'

The actress says she's not a lot like her character. She tried to shield her own daughter, Jordan, from the limelight, because it wasn't her choice to be a public figure. (She's since become an actress

### Having fun these days

anyway, appearing in

Nowadays, Ladd has an easier and more fulfilling time acting.

"I'm enjoying my process now more than I did when I was younger," she says. "When you're younger, you have to worry about being beautiful all the time, and that is just tiresome. I don't have to do any of those things now. I can just be a character, whether it's a grandmother on the prairie or this very put-together woman. When you have a lot of life under your belt, there's more to bring to the characters. I'm enjoying it. I say 'no' a lot. I'm pretty picky and choosy



partially why she flips out on her ex-husband's new fiancee (Rosario Dawson) and tries to make her life hell.

You really get this sense of this perfectionism women have," Ladd tells us. "We're supposed have all of these things [like beauty, exquisite clothes and social graces] lined up like little ducks. It doesn't leave



a lot of room for your true humanity."

Society may be getting cooler to the idea of gender equality, but the flipside is that women now have more on their plate. Men certainly don't have to do nearly as much. They don't have to be great dads, and sometimes it doesn't matter what they look like. (Our president definitely isn't a looker.)

"It takes them 10 minutes to look good," Ladd says. "They shower, they shave, they put on a nice outfit, they brush their teeth, and off they go. Is that fair?

"All little girls want play dress up. But to do it all over again, day after day after day, it gets

... tired. That's why I like going to the supermarket with a ponytail, blue jeans and sneakers. I'm just this person. It's a nice way to

Still, things are dramatically different than when she came into the spotlight in the '70s.

"It's changed enor-mously," Ladd says. "Charlie's Angels" may have about attractive women, but they were also strong and independent a rarity in those days. "We kind of broke the mold for acceptable jobs for women at that time.

"It wasn't that long ago that women were supposed to be teachers and nurses and secretaries.

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We spoke to Dr.
Dyane Tower, a practicing podiatrist and director of clinical affairs at the American Podiatric Medical Association, to find out more about the field.

### What does a podiatrist

A podiatrist is a physician

who diagnoses and treats conditions of the foot, ankle and sometimes portions of the lower leg.

"They see anything from newborns with deformities like clubfoot all the way up to people towards the end of their life who need help taking care of their feet," Tower says.

On a given day, a podiatrist might prescribe orthotic shoes for diabetic patients, treat injuries from sports or activities or even do something as simple as trim toenails.

### What schooling do you need?

After completing an undergraduate degree, prospective podiatrists should begin by applying to any of the nine four-year podiatric medical schools in the country, says Tower.

Once they've earned their doctor of podiatric medicine (DPM) degree, the next step is to complete a residency-training program.

"These are typically three years long, and teach students how to do any kind of surgical procedure that you could



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ever imagine needing to do on somebody's foot, ankle or lower leg," Tower

Training doesn't end there. Many students go on to complete one-year fellowships in a special-ized field. "Maybe they're interested in sports medicine, and go work in an area where for that vear they're seeing only athletic injuries," says Tower. "There are opportunities in trauma, reconstruction, diabetic limb salvage, any subspecialty within podiatry that you could probably envisionthere is a fellowship in that area.'

#### What's the typical salary?

The median annual salary for a podiatrist is \$144,110 according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The best-paid earned \$182,420 in 2016 while the lowest-paid made \$48,830.

#### Is it hard to find employment?

The need for podiatrists is expected to increase as baby boomers age, says Tower. "With that increase in age comes an increase in things like

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that by 2024, podiatry jobs are on track to grow 14 percent from 2014, resulting in 1,400 new jobs.

diabetes, heart disease and vascular disease," she says. "Things of that nature all have an effect on the feet and legs, which makes podiatrists' role in the health-care system very important.'

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#### The pros

One of the great things about this profession is the variety of patients and conditions you get to treat in a single day, says Tower. "You might see somebody for a skin problem in the morning, and later that evening be treating an athlete with an overuse injury and thinking about the biomechanics behind their functioning and the structure of their foot," she says. "It's really nice to be able to use the breadth of

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There's also the satisfaction that comes with being able to alleviate patients' pain. Whether they receive an immediate injection or leave the office with an insert, "knowing that I was able to do something to make them feel better is always extremely gratifying," she

#### The cons

Prospective podiatrists should consider the high cost of education, says Tower.

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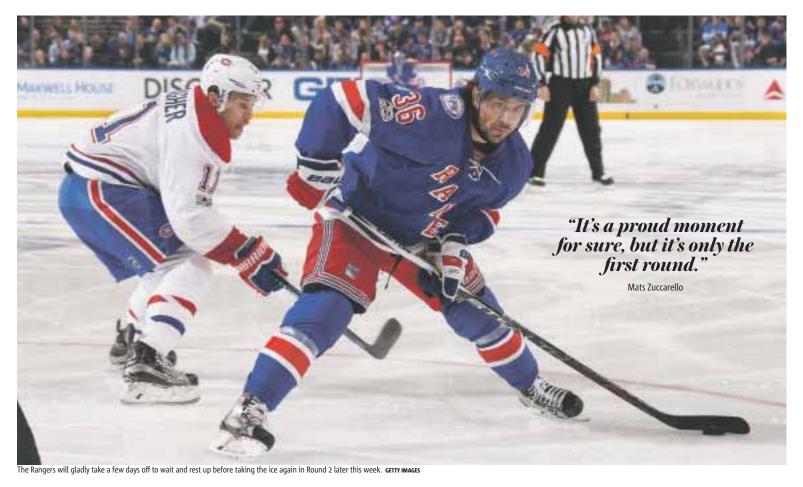


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# Tough as nails Zuccarello leads Rangers into the second round

New York awaits the winner of the Bruins and Senators.



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Time is a funny thing.

On some days, two years can seem like a lifetime ago. On others, there are memories so ingrained in your brain, that it feels just like yesterday.

Exactly 730 days, or exactly two years from Monday, New York Rangers winger Mats Zuccarello led his team into an April 25, 2015, Game 5 matchup against the Pittsburgh Penguins up 3-1 in the first-round series.

Just over 15 minutes into the first period, the 5-foot-7 forward made his way to the front of the net as defenseman Ryan McDonagh wound up for a slapshot from the point.

But after being pushed

off balance by Pittsburgh defenseman Taylor Chorney, Zuccarello was struck in the head by Mc-Donagh's shot, which was over 90 miles per hour.

Skating to the bench, Zuccarello lost feeling in his right side, and more puzzling, couldn't tell team doctors what was ailing him.

Zuccarello was later diagnosed with Broca's aphasia, which is a condition sustained when the left side of the brain's frontal lobe is harmed. In this case, it was a screaming 6-inch disc of frozen rubber that fractured his skull and caused bleeding in his brain that left him numb on the right side of his body.

Broca's aphasia left Zuccarello with the inability to speak and it was not a given that he would make a full recovery.

Always as the underdog given his size, Zuccarello's competitive spirit is on levels not common to the normal human being. In a week, he was released from the hospital, but could not walk quickly or make any sudden movements or he would risk hemorrhaging in his brain due to an increase

in blood pressure.
"S— happens," he said rather nonchalantly when talking about it two years

By late May 2015, the Norwegian was back on his skates despite needing months of speech therapy in order to basically relearn English.

Fast forward to Saturday night in Game 6 against the Montreal Canadiens and the Rangers are trailing, 1-0.

In need of a spark, the team is given a power play that has struggled mightily in the postseason having gone 0-for-14 in the previous five games of the

The smallest player on

the ice, whose health and future was in serious jeopardy no more than two years ago, snapped a wris-ter through Canadiens goalie and Vezina Trophy candidate Carey Price to tie things up.

GOALS FOR MATS ZUC-CARELLO IN SIX PLAY-**OFF GAMES AGAINST** THE CANADIENS.

Eleven minutes later, he nabbed his second of the night and what turned out to be the game-winner to lift the Rangers to a 4-2

series victory.

Despite playing in 80 games this year, recording 59 points and with three goals so far this postseason, Zuccarello still isn't 100 percent recovered.

miss some words

now and then," Zuccarello said. "But I don't think about it that much.'

But putting together one of his best performances of the season on such a large stage in front of the Madison Square Garden fans made the moment even better for him.

"Of course it's special doing this in front of the home fans that have supported me so much," Zuccarello said. "And my teammates are unbeliev-

His work ethic and toughness won the respect of his head coach Alain Vigneault, who has been with Zuccarello throughout his journey.

"He's a competitive little bugger," he said with a smile. "He's become a real big part of our team, not just what he does on the ice. He brings the team together. He's a real good teammate."

McDonagh, who was burdened with the feeling of responsibility for Zuccarello's misfortunes, was left in awe of his team-

"It's incredible impact he has with this team," the captain said. "I'm just ecstatic for him."

Defenseman Staal, who has had his fair share of injury problems throughout his career, echoed McDonagh's senti-

"It's not easy to come back from an injury like that," he said. "You have an appreciation for the thin line."

But for Zuccarello, there is time for congratulations and pats on the back some other time. The Rangers are looking for their first Stanley Cup title since 1994 and must prepare for the Eastern Conference semifinals.

"It's a proud moment for sure, but it's only the first round," Zuccarello said. "You have to stay humble here."

## IN DEFENSE OF ELI MANNING (ON AND OFF THE FIELD)

### MARC MALUSIS

OPINION

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Give Eli Manning credit. People often make fun of him for his "aw shucks" personality. If you look up the definition of aw shucks, it is type of behavior that is characterized by appearing or sounding shy, socially awkward or unsophisticated.

He might be the alpha male personality in the Giants locker room or on the field, but does not appear that way to the public. He hardly ever says anything that grabs a negative headline, aside from maybe his criticism of Odell Beckham Jr.'s behavior this past season. Last week we saw a different Eli Manning. He was defiant and combative because his integrity was being questioned like it never has been. We often question the player that Manning is, but we never questioned the man that

He has two Super Bowl victories with epic franchise-defining wins against Tom Brady, Bill Belichick and the New England Patriots. Remember, you know you can't spell "elite without Eli!"

That is not the debate for today or for this column. Manning's place in NFL history will be debated about when his career comes to an end. Away from the field, Eli has done great work during his 13 years with the Giants. At the NFL honors ceremony in early February, Manning, along with the Cardinals' Larry

Fitzgerald were named the co-winners of the Walter Payton Man of the Year Award. The award recognizes NFL players for excellence on and off the field. As well as Manning has represented the Giants on the field, he has done off the field as well.

So when Eli Manning comes out as staunchly as he did this past week to defend himself that he knowingly provided fake game-used memorabilia to Steiner Sports for sale, it means something. A civil racketeering lawsuit is ongoing and Manning turned over an email between himself and an equipment manager asking for two helmets that could "pass as being game used." When that email surfaced in the local papers, people were ready to throw the book at Eli Manning. He was being painted as a liar and a criminal for being complicit in a fraudulent criminal scheme.

Manning met with reporters last week and defended himself and did not come across as man that is guilty of fraud. He told a group of reporters that, "I've done nothing wrong, and I have nothing to hide. I've tried to do everything with class and be a stand-up citizen. That's what I have done, and that's being attacked right now. I'm just more angry than anything having to deal with this and knowing that I did nothing wrong and still being attacked."

Manning deserves the benefit of the doubt. In our country, we are innocent until proven guilty. For everything that Manning has done on and off the field for the Giants, don't we owe Manning the time before we throw him under the bus and call him a "liar"? I get that in today's day and age we are more and more skeptical of athletes away from the field or court of play. But for a player like Manning, who has done nothing up until this point for us to question his integrity, we need to afford him the time he has earned and deserves. If he is guilty, then Manning deserves everything that



Eli Manning's reputation has been a stellar one thus far throughout his career in the NFL. GETTY IMAGES

comes his way and his reputation will be ruined forever. But to paint him a liar at this point without knowing everything involving the case is dangerous and lazy. Manning said last week that the email was taken "out of context." Let's ultimately see if he is correct.

Manning added last week, "I will say that I've never done what I've been accused of doing. I have no reason, nor have I ever had any reason, to do anything of that nature. I've done nothing wrong, and I have nothing to hide. And I know that when this is all done, everybody will see it the same way."

If he is honest and forthright and ultimately clears his name of any wrongdoing in this case, will those that called him a liar then apologize for what they said? They should, but don't hold your breath.

The truth is important and it will either set you free or convict you. Manning says he can't discuss the case but insists he did nothing wrong. He has earned the time for all the facts of the case to come out before we judge him. I think we owe him that much.

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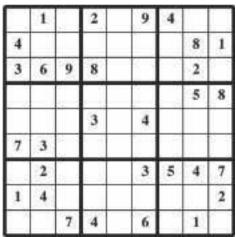
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Aries Check for any flaws or hidden details that can influence your decision regarding a financial matter. Stick to a format to be less conspicuous when dealing with bureaucracy.



Taurus Studying, doing some research and speaking to experts will help you sort out any confusion or uncertainty you have regarding your taxes or a medical issue

Gemini Break through barriers and look

inward for answers. If you concentrate on

what you can do to make a difference, an



unexpected opportunity will develop. Cancer You will need to be disciplined in all your pursuits. Making an impulsive change will be costly. Your time is best utilized mak-

ing personal improvements.



Leo Set goals and bring about changes that will make your life better. Don't let personal complications distract you or influence your financial strategy.

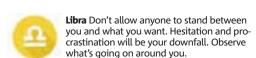


Virgo Learn all you can about your options when dealing with household matters or issues involving older relatives. Don't let anyone push you to make a snap decision.

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Scorpio Don't worry about what others do. Use your intuition to bring clarity to whatever situation you face. If an idea or offer feels right, pursue it with gusto.



Sagittarius If you feel good about someone you want to spend time with, make plans to do so. New opportunities will set the stage for positive change.



Capricorn Keep life simple. Stay close to home and avoid matters that involve government agencies, institutions or large corporations. Stay focused on what others do or say.



Aquarius Consider ways to bring in extra cash. Don't let your skills and innovative intelligence go to waste. Something you enjoy doing can improve your finances.



Pisces Take better care of your health and well-being. Nurture relationships, but don't give in to poor influences or take up bad habits because you want to fit in. EUGENIA LAST

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